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Leaders pleased with 2014 budget

Property tax
mill levy
decreases with
city's new
spending plan

By Matt Heilman

In a scene that starkly contrasted what took place a couple of years ago, the Bel Aire City Council voiced excitement with the passage of its spending plan for the upcoming year. At its Aug. 20 meeting, the council unanimously passed the 2014 budget that actually calls for a slight decrease in the city's portion of the property tax mill levy from the 2013 mark.

The 2014 budget calls for a property tax mill levy of 45.754 mills, down from 46.162 mills in 2013.

The final budget comes without a need for cuts to personnel or services. The city implemented a combination of cuts and a tax increase in 2012 to set up better budget seasons over the last two years.

Bel Aire has also seen progress on the development front and is steadily chipping away at its land debt. The 2014

budget affords the city the opportunity to tackle improvements that have been on the city's wish list for several years.

Besides street repairs, the additional improvements the city hopes to tackle next year include the purchase of two new police vehicles, resurfacing of the Bel Aire Park tennis court, improvements to the baseball fields at the Bel Aire rec center and the replacement of a city-owned mower.

"There's a lot of excitement in ap-

proving the 2014 budget," Mayor David Austin said. "It's exciting to say this with a tax decrease. At the same time, we're taking care of all our employees and we're taking care of capital expenses that are so far overdue."

Also on Aug. 20, the council:
•Approved an appropriations ordinance in the amount of \$276,654.67.

•Held a public hearing on the proposed assessments for public improvements on certain

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Matt Heilman

For several months, the public has heard that Century Manufacturing's time standing alone in the Sunflower Commerce Park is coming to an end. This month, city leaders further discussed what is likely to follow within the next year.

Interest is building City's Sunflower Commerce Park attracting attention

By Matt Heilman

Slowly, but surely, the City of Bel Aire is seeing results from its aggressive marketing efforts in the 800-acre Sunflower Commerce Park. For now, Century Manufacturing is the only tenant operating on the property that stretches from Webb Road to Greenwich along 53rd North, but more construction is on the horizon.

Following an Aug. 13 Bel Aire City Council special meeting, City Manager Ty Lasher announced that negotiations have started with a company interested in building on about 12 acres of the property along the Union Pacific rail line at the intersec-

tion of 53rd North and Greenwich.

Lasher said he couldn't disclose the identity of the company other than to confirm that it supplies materials to concrete companies. He described the business as "a national company" with facilities in Kansas and across the United States.

Lasher said the rail access is what's driving the company to Bel Aire and the company hopes to begin operating in the Sunflower Commerce Park within a year.

For that to happen, he said the city would work with the company and Union Pacific to get railroad siding installed along the main line of track to use for shipping.

The master plan for the Sunflower Commerce Park also calls for the addition of a rail spur, a line that dead ends off the main track where large manufactured items can be loaded directly onto train cars.

The rail access is pivotal to the Sunflower Commerce Park's growth, Lasher has said.

Earlier this summer, contract negotiations began with Wichita's Shuttle Aerospace to build on about 12 acres south of 53rd North and Webb Road.

A "worldwide distribution business,"

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Homes in Elk Creek subdivision expanding City offers incentives

By Matt Heilman

The Bel Aire City Council took action at its Aug. 6 meeting that essentially cements an agreement with a group of builders to spur progress on construction in the upscale Elk Creek addition near 45th North and Rock Road.

Earlier this summer, the council learned that a group of four builders called Elk Creek Four LLC planned to purchase 48 lots that had been turned over to the bank last year. The bank took ownership of the lots after the developer in Elk Creek claimed bankruptcy in the housing addition where single-family homes sale in the \$300,000 to \$500,000 price range.

On Aug. 6, Lasher said Elk Creek Four LLC had been able to purchase the 48 unfinished lots from the bank on Aug. 2. The purchase clears the way for the group of builders to get to work on filling out Elk Creek with more single-family homes in the \$350,000 price range.

As somewhat of an incentive to help the builders get a start with continued single-family home construction in Elk Creek the city has agreed to cover two years' worth of infrastructure improvements on the 48 lots issued in special assessments with the formal understanding that the city will be reimbursed for the effort.

On Aug. 6, the council approved an ordinance to create a Community Improvement District that only includes the 48 lots ready for new construction. The creation of a CID clears the way for the city to either borrow money or use reserves to pay off two years' worth of special assessments and get refunded by the builders at the end of two years.

By then, Lasher said most if not all of the 48 vacant lots should be filled with new, single-family homes.

Usually, Community Improvement Districts are utilized to pay for infrastructure in commercial developments. However, the laws associated with the formation of a CID do not limit its application to commercial development, Lasher said last month when the council approved a petition in support of creating the district.

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It pays to save water under new program

By Matt Heilman

Recent rainfall has alleviated local drought conditions, but cities are still encouraging residents to be conservative with their water use. In June, the City of Wichita implemented a \$1 million rebate program that offers incentives for conserving water.

With the program, \$1 million is allotted for rebates on clothes washers, dishwashers, low-flow toilets, irrigation controllers and rain barrels.

Part of that \$1 million has been distributed to smaller cities that are Wichita water customers so they

too can participate in the program. Participating cities in the Water Conservation Rebate Program include Valley Center, Park City, Bel Aire and Kechi.

Valley Center has been awarded \$10,000 to participate in the program and offers the same incentives implemented in the City of Wichita. Park City, which gets most of its water from the Chisholm Creek Utility Authority and utilizes Wichita water as a backup source, has been awarded \$4,000 to participate in the program. Bel Aire has been awarded \$6,000 to participate with Kechi accepting

\$3,000 in the program.

Park City and Kechi offer the same water conservation incentives offered in the City of Wichita. While part of the same program, Bel Aire has adopted its own incentives with the \$6,000 it was allocated.

The incentives implemented by Wichita and offered in Valley Center, Park City and Kechi include up to a \$100 rebate for low-flow toilets that use 1.28 gallons of water or less per flush, high efficiency dishwashers that use less than 4.25 gallons of water per cycle, high efficiency clothes washers that use 4.5 gallons or less

per cycle per cubic foot a specific washer uses, smart irrigation controllers labeled WaterSense and up to a \$75 rebate for rain barrels that are 50 gallons or larger.

Bel Aire offers its residents a \$5 one-time rebate for each new showerhead that uses two gallons or less per minute, \$50 for new water efficient clothes washers that use less than 15 gallons per load and dishwashers that use less than 5.8 gallons per load and \$20 for each low-flow toilet.

Bel Aire also is encouraging drought resistant landscaping to help

alleviate the need for watering. For more information on drought-resistant landscaping, the city advises residents to contact the Sedgwick County Extension Education Center at 660-0100.

Bel Aire residents that utilize drought-resistant landscaping in their lawns are eligible to receive free hats.

The city that is a wholesale customer with both the CCUA and the City of Wichita encourages its residents to limit watering their lawns to

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Mayor's corner

By David Austin

The end of summer is here and the kids are headed back to school. In Bel Aire we celebrated the end of the summer by closing the Bel Aire city pool with a well-attended dog day at the pool. I got to take my granddog, Lucky, and we enjoyed meeting other dogs and their humans.

I am not sure who enjoyed the day more — myself or Lucky. What I was sure about was that it was a great event and I was thrilled to see so many citizens and their furry friends attend.

Hopefully this is one of many new events that will bring our citizens out for fun. We have ideas lined up for the fall, too.

In addition to planning fun events, your city has some great news.

It's official. Taxes are going down. Your city council voted unanimously Aug. 20 to submit its 2014 budget to the state with a .4 mill decrease. I talked about this last month, but it is worth repeating.

Every summer, the council debates and pushes numbers around. We were able to hold steady with a zero mill increase last year and this year the mills decreased. This is all because of tough decisions made a couple years ago. I want to thank our staff, current and past council members and mayor, for putting this in place.

And with this budget, we will be able to make capitol improvements that are long overdue. In fact, we have operated on borrowed time on most equipment.

This includes police cars. I am proud of our police department and glad we are able to provide them with, while used, newer cars to do their vital jobs of keeping us safe.

And it looks like there will be more of us to keep safe in the near future. Every day, it seems there is a new house being started in Bel Aire. It truly is a great place to live and work, and like the city motto states, it's a city of the future with respect for its past.

Water

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once or twice per week.
“The City of Bel Aire wants to remain proactive in reducing the long-lasting effects of potential droughts in the future, while at the same time encouraging creative ideas to stay ahead of potential negative implications associated with a drought in our area,” the city said of its participation in the Water Conservation Rebate Program.

The rebates in the program are available only to single-family, owner occupied homes. Newly constructed homes already equipped with more efficient appliances, do not apply in the program. A list of appliances that are eligible for the rebates is available on the City of Wichita's website, www.wichita.gov. Rebates are available for qualifying appliances purchased between May 1 and the end of 2013, or until the \$1 million worth of rebates have been redeemed.

Water Conservation Rebate applications are available at City Hall where residents pay their water bills. Applications in Park City and Bel Aire are also available on the cities' websites.

There is a limit of five rebated items per household. Rebates are applied as credits on water bills. To cash in on a rebate after purchasing an appliance that qualifies for the program, turn in the receipt from the purchase with the application.



Sound advice by strange person

From what I could tell, the King of Pop was verifiably insane. He was a nut that had cracked, but he was arguably the best dancer in the history of physical movement to sound.

And while usually I wouldn't be quick to advertise that I agreed with the smooth criminal who wore pajamas to a court hearing to face child molestation charges, I must say that he made a lot of sense when it came to race relations.

You see, in Michael Jackson's child-like innocence, he was more interested in who people were on the inside. He said it best toward the end of his 1991 hit song, "Black and White:

"I said, if you're thinkin' of being my brother, it don't matter if you're black or white."

And politically correct or not, I can't ignore the obvious that Michael lived his life with two skin colors. He was black, and then he was white.

From my perhaps warped perspective, his physical changes over the years may have encompassed his belief that how we judge one another should have nothing to do with our outward appearance.

Jackson was always an African American. More importantly, he was part of the human race, although some of his actions made me legitimately wonder at times if he was from another planet.

It's sad to me that the eccentric man who hung out with a chimpanzee at his ranch seemed to have a

Heil on life

By Matt Heilman



better grasp on the message of Martin Luther King Jr. than many of the men and women who are supposed to be leaders in our great nation.

Aug. 28 marks the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s March on Washington where he delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech in front of the Lincoln Memorial.

We've come a long way in 50 years. But we're nowhere near a utopia.

Recently, racial tension reared its ugly head again in national headlines. And it swings both ways.

Just when the outrage over the George Zimmerman trial started to mellow, two innocent white people were killed in cold blood by black teenagers. One of the victims was an 88-year-old World War II veteran. The other was a college baseball player from Australia.

Collectively, Americans of every race were disgusted by the meaningless killings. Anytime an innocent life is taken by careless cruelty, we should be outraged. And skin color should have nothing to do with how we feel.

The way the Rev. Al Sharpton and

Jesse Jackson had so much more to publicly say after the Zimmerman verdict than they did after the recent deaths of the two white men had people calling the political activists racists or at least "race baiters." Sharpton and Jackson have been called out for trying to exploit racial division for their own personal gains.

I can't see into the hearts of Jackson and Sharpton. But I sincerely hope the men who say they stand for God can drop any resentment they might have toward any race.

Many of our national leaders say the solution to a better nation and improved race relations is to give every American child an equal opportunity to receive a quality education. They say classrooms are the best places to combat street gangs and that no child should go to bed hungry.

Especially in reflection of Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous speech, you'll hear political leaders on both sides of the aisle say the right things. But saying what's right and actually doing what's right are completely different.

To get over ugly divisions and collectively progress, the kooky King of Pop again offered some quality insight. To roughly paraphrase another one of his hits, "Start with the man in the mirror and ask him to change his ways."

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Budget

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lots in Tierra Verde and the Central Park Third Addition.
•Approved an amended and restated petition for certain lots in the Central Park Third Addition, known as "The Landing."
•Approved a resolution for storm water drain improvements in The Landing.
•Approved a resolution for improvement of a main trafficway in the city.
•Approved an ordinance designating Central Park Avenue as a main trafficway in the city.
•Accepted a quit claim deed from CRK Properties, LLC for three lots in Elk Creek. The move essentially transfers possession of the lots from a bank to the city for \$1. The city will now look to find a builder to construct homes on the lots.
•Approved an ordinance levying special assessments in the city.

Homes

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The formation of the CID in Elk Creek only involves the 48 undeveloped lots previously owned by the bank and does not affect any other lots in the development.
Also on Aug. 6, the council:
•Approved an appropriations ordinance for \$534,096.07.
•Held a public hearing on the creation of a CID on the 48 lots in Elk Creek, the issuance of revenue bonds for Broadstone Villas, LP in an amount not to exceed \$5,500,000 and the proposed 2014 budget. Nobody spoke during the hearing.
•Approved the mayor's appointments of Art Tenbrink, Bill Moss and Dan Broyles to the Utility Advisory Committee.

•Approved a Builders Incentives Agreement with Premier Builders for lots in the Central Park Fourth Addition.
•Approved a permanent drainage easement and permanent right-of-way easement along 45th Street between Greenwich and Webb Roads on property owned by the City of Bel Aire. Lasher said Sedgwick County is working to pave 53rd Street between Webb and Greenwich, covering the work and the cost for Bel Aire. The 53rd Street work is planned for completion this fall, with paving of 45th Street slated for next year.
•Approved measures that start the process of rolling temporary notes for infrastructure improvements in the Tierra Verde and Central Park Third additions into permanent financing.
•Approved holding a 6:30 p.m. workshop on Aug. 13.
Mayor David Austin was absent from the Aug. 6 meeting.

Business

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that is rumored to be FedEx, is planning to operate out of a building on about a 21-acre site in the Sunflower Commerce Park. In June, Lasher

said the company planned to lease the building from a Kansas City, Mo.-based developer.

The "worldwide distribution business" is now working with a different developer, but still has its eye on Bel Aire, Lasher said.

The city expects to hear from more companies interested in the Sunflower Commerce Park in the next several months. More commitments are expected after construction picks up to build off what started with Century Manufacturing.

The Sunflower Commerce Park will soon have signage at three paved entryways to the 800-acre property, spelling out the development's name and the city it calls home.

Along with rail access, the master plan for the

Sunflower Commerce Park calls for the first 155 acres to be shovel-ready, meaning infrastructure is put in place ahead of development plans so that construction can begin immediately when a business commits to building on the property.

Give soccer team a chance

Give the new team a chance. It's unfortunate that the second version of the Wichita Wings franchise folded after two short seasons. But we're optimistic that the newly unveiled Wichita B-52s will have more staying power. Time will tell if that optimism is justified.

The B-52s are under new management and part of the Professional Arena Soccer League that emphasizes community outreach as part of its efforts to attract fans to games.

The quality of play is expected to be about on par with what we saw with the Wings, who played in the Major Indoor Soccer League.

Besides a few rule differences, the professional indoor leagues are similar. PASL commissioner Kevin Milliken said his league typically consists of younger talent than in the MISL, although it's unclear who will play for the B-52s when games start in November. The team's tryout is planned for the second or third week of September. When the roster is finalized, we'd like to think that at least a handful of guys that suited up for the Wings will be able to keep playing at Hartman Arena.

Outside of the love of the game, there's not much incentive for these athletes. Similar to players on the Wichita Wild roster, members of the B-52s will play for minimal pay.

At this level, players sacrifice income to keep playing.

They'd be better off financially finding full-time employment off the field, but they choose to play and most of the time, they play hard. Some players for the B-52s will be trying to prove themselves, hoping to be given the opportunity to move up the ranks and play for money they can live off of. Others may be in the twilight of their careers, looking to go out with some glory before they hang up their cleats.

The dynamic of the new indoor soccer team remains to be seen. But so far, we like what we're seeing with the conception of the B-52s.

We like that the team has separate management from the Wild and we like what we've heard about how much teams in the PASL reach out to the communities in which they play.

We have no idea if the B-52s will be any good when they start playing in November, but we believe attending a game will be worth the time and modest expense.

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Deadline for October: Sept. 20



City of Bel Aire



Bel Aire Recreation

COED OUTDOOR SOCCER
Soccer is for boys and girls ages 4-11. Games will be played on Saturdays from September 7th through October 19th. Practices will be set up by the coaches on weeknights starting Monday, August 26th. The registration deadline has passed but limited openings remain.

COED FLAG FOOTBALL
Bel Aire will be teaming up with the Valley Center Recreation Commission for flag football. Practices will be held at the respective home location with games being played at both sites. Flag Football is for boys and girls in 3rd through 6th grade. Games will be played on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday evenings or Saturday mornings. Practices will be set up by the coaches on weeknights starting Monday, August 26th. The registration deadline has passed but limited openings remain.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Bel Aire will be teaming up with the Valley Center Recreation Commission for volleyball. Volleyball is for girls in 3rd – 6th grades. Practices will be set up on weeknights beginning the week of September 16th. The registration deadline is September 7th.

DAZZLING DANCERS
These recreational classes will focus on ballet and jazz dance. Class attire includes: comfortable clothing, dance slippers, and a hair-tie. Classes are for girls ages

4 & up and will begin Tuesday, September 10th. The recital will be held Friday, November 1st. Pre-registration is required.

MUSIC TOGETHER
Music Together is an internationally recognized and award winning music class for children 5 and under with the adults who love them! Each class ends with an instrumental jam session. Music will be made with egg shakers, sticks, drums, and more! This FREE program will be held on Saturday, September 14th at 10am. Pre-registration is required.

TAEKWONDO (ages 5 & up)
Classes meet on Monday & Friday from 5:00-6:00 pm or Tuesday & Thursday from 7:10-8:10 pm. These are great classes for beginners to black belts.

YOGA
Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:10-7:10 pm. Participants need to provide their own yoga mat. Adults can join at any time! Teens & adults can join at any time!

FITNESS CENTER (ages 16 & up)
The Fitness Center consists of elliptical cross trainers, treadmills, recumbent bike, multi-station weight machine, and free-weights. There is no charge for pass holders, or it is available with the purchase of a daily pass.

A \$5 late fee will be charged to all sign-ups after the deadline.
For more information on these or any Bel Aire Recreation Programs call 744-2700



Hot Dawg Pool Party!

The first Annual Hot Dawg's Pool Party on August 12th at the Bel Aire Community pool was a huge success! Bel Aire residents and outside communities were welcome to come join the fun, which included multiple contests and prizes were awarded, along with Free dog treats for the first 30 dogs. The City of Bel Aire was very pleased with the strong partnership, sponsorship and incredible effort with the Heartland Animal Hospital, The Hairy Sofa, The Dog Treatury, and Lee Media Group. The Pool hosted approximately 125 dogs and 300 people. The event's success could not have occurred without the volunteers and businesses, along with the City staff coming together to create such an incredible fun evening at the Bel Aire Community Pool.

New water conservation program for residents

The City Council for Bel Aire has just approved a new water conservation program for all residents! The purchase of new energy efficient appliances allows residents to receive a rebate in the form of a credit in their next month's utility bill. The credit is based on the type of appliance purchased and must meet program requirements. For more information on this program go online to our website, then click on the link to view program details. Watch for the informational flyer in your August utility bill.

New water meters are coming!

In 2012, the City of Bel Aire began the application process for a loan through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to fund some necessary water and wastewater improvements. The largest project is the replacement of older water meters throughout the system with new, highly accurate radio-read Sensus meters that have a 20 year lifespan. Beginning in October and November of 2013, contractors for the City of Bel Aire will begin installation of new water metering equipment for all customers. The new metering system will be extremely accurate and will utilize the latest green technology to remotely read each meter. The installation of this equipment will be phased in on a route by route basis until the entire water system has been converted to remote meter reading. Contractors will be wearing uniforms and utilizing marked vehicles during the project. Service to customers will be interrupted for only a few minutes while the new equipment is installed. If you have any questions concerning the project, please contact the City of Bel Aire at 744-2451 ext. 132. Once your new meter is installed please open the cold water taps to flush out the air and rust from the line. There will be a tag on your front door once the new meter is installed with these instructions.

Storm Damage Repairs

Just a reminder that re-roofing and re-siding must be performed by a contractor who is licensed in the City of Bel Aire and a permit is required for all new and replacement activities.

Bel Aire Seniors

All SENIORS 55+ are cordially invited to all events listed below. The Senior Center and Library area are open from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Monday through Friday excluding holidays. The library has a wide selection of library books to check out at no cost nor time restraints, along with computers available for study or research. Remember any senior can belong or attend to more than one senior center/club in Sedgwick County.

Locations:

Senior Center/Community Room – 7651 E. Central Park Ave., 744-2451
Recreation Center – 5251 E. 48th St. N., 744-2700

Weekly Events:

Bel Aire Walkers – M-F, 8-9 a.m. at the Rec Center (indoors & climate controlled)
Free for BA Senior members, alternate times available
Men's Coffee & Fellowship – Mondays, 10 a.m. at the Senior Center
Yoga – Mondays & Wednesdays, 6 p.m. at the Rec Center (monthly fee)
Bridge Games – Tuesdays, 1 p.m. at the Senior Center
Low Impact Aerobics – Wednesdays, 9 a.m. at the Rec Center
Braum's Breakfast – Fridays, 9 a.m. on North Rock Road

Starting September 9th

Arthritis Foundation's Walk with Ease Program – Mon, Wed, Fri, 8:15 a.m. at the Rec Center

Monthly & Special Events:

September 2, 6:30 p.m. – Potluck Dinner – Program TBA - Community Room
September 3, 8:30 a.m. – Breakfast at Cracker Barrel
September 4, 10 a.m. – Volunteer library work time at the Senior Center
September 9, 8:15 a.m. – Arthritis Foundation's Walk with Ease Program begins at the Rec Center
September 9, 10 a.m. – RS Advisory Meeting at the Rec Center
September 9, 11:30 a.m. – Lunch at Bob and Luigi's
September 10, 9 a.m. – CS Advisory Meeting at the Rec Center
September 11, 10 a.m. – Open Sewing at the Senior Center
September 11, 10 a.m. – “What makes exotic animals exotic” at the Sedgwick County Zoo, \$4 per person, call Vicki at 744-1199
September 12, 6 p.m. – Ladies Dine Out - for info call Anita at 744-2840
September 18, 10 a.m. – Men's Coffee at Braum's on North Rock Road
September 18, 10:15 a.m. – Senior Aerobics Brunch (different locations)
September 18, 2 p.m. – Ladies Tea/Coffee at Braum's on North Rock Road
September 19, 11 a.m. – Lunch and Barbara Hardyway talk about VA Benefits, RSVP to Jennie 744-2451 x 121
September 23, 6 p.m. – Covered Dish Dinner, Program TBA – Rec Center
September 24, 6:15 p.m. – Jack Cole Drug Presentation at Friends University. Call Jennie for more info 744-2451 x 121
September 25th, 10 a.m. – Open Sewing at the Senior Center
September 25th, 7 p.m. – Bunko games at the Senior Center
September 26th, 10 a.m. – Healthy Cooking Class with Denise Dias at the Senior Center – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Senior Expo – Participating locations include Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, Exploration Place, Old Cowtown Museum, and The Wichita Art Museum, more info at www.cpaaa.org/senior-expo/
October 1st, 6:30 p.m. – Potluck Dinner and the Threadbare Theatre Group – Community Room

Community Events

TOPS – Tuesdays, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
City Council Meetings – 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of every month
September 12 – 11:30 a.m. - Pot luck lunch at Bel Aire Senior Center. Call Anita for more info at 744-2840.
September 26 – Noon - Lunch and Learn at Bel Aire City Hall, 7651 E. Central Park Avenue. The City of Bel Aire would like to invite all new and re-sale reality companies, branch locations, marketers, agents, builders and anyone associated within the housing industry to come and join us this Fall for a special presentation regarding all the most recent developments within Bel Aire. We will provide you with a presentation involving everything from water rates and taxes to our home incentive program. Lunch will be provided by Hog Wild Pit Bar-B-Q. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss a very exciting time for our community! If you have any questions about this event, please call Rick Rekoske at 744-2451 ext. 218 or email him at rrekoske@belaireks.gov. The event is sponsored by the City of Bel Aire.

Chamber Member of the Month



City Hall

Ty Lasher, City Manager 744-2451, ext. 217
Recreation Department 744-2700
Central Park Pool 744-7331
Parks Department 744-8609
Police • Emergency 911
Non-emergency 744-6000
Animal Control (Sedgwick County) 660-7070
Public Works 744-2888
Water/Sewer Emergency (after 5 p.m.) 761-6972 or 761-6973
Utility Billing 744-2451, ext. 132
(Waste Connections) 838-4920
Hazardous Waste (Sedgwick County) 660-7464

HIGHLIGHTS

Students awarded scholarships

Area students were awarded scholarships at a Kansas State University alumni and student event July 22 in Wichita.

Students included Leslie Geist of Bel Aire, Andrew Bayless of Kechi and Ellen Crocombe of Park City.

The scholarships were awarded by the Wichita Area K-State Alumni Club, the K-State Alumni Association, Kansas State University President's Office, Vanguard Scholarship Fund, Compton Family Scholarship Fund and McCandless

Family Scholarship Fund.
— The Breeze staff

Groomer finds fit in hometown

A woman who grew up in Kechi is operating a dog grooming business in her hometown.

Debbie Ryan, a 1992 graduate of Wichita Heights High School, opened Ryan's Dog Grooming in July at 217 N. Oliver.

Ryan operated her own shop in Towanda for a few years before moving her business to Kechi. She said she's

been able to keep several clients she had before the move as she looks to expand.

"I've got people from Andover, Towanda, Bel Aire and El Dorado that still come out here because I've groomed their dogs for so long," she said.

For more information on Ryan's Dog Grooming, call 371-7258.

— The Breeze staff

Report involves Heights players

Five high school students walked into the Park City

QuikTrip off 61st North and I-135 and walked out without paying for merchandise.

The suspects in the theft that took place between 5 and 5:30 p.m. Aug. 19 were reported to be among a group of Wichita Heights High School football players.

The QuikTrip store manager reportedly contacted the Heights football coaching staff and requested that coaches make the players return and pay for the items they stole. The manager reportedly advised that if the players complied with the request, she wouldn't press charges.

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DEATH

DOROTHY WITTENBORN

Dorothy Marie (Gilmore) Wittenborn, 84, died Tuesday, July 30, 2013.

She was born in Cuba, Kan. to Walter and Mabel (Beaver) Gilmore on April 11, 1929. She moved to Wichita in 1949 and worked at KG&E until 1955. On June 6, 1953, she married Charles Wittenborn.

She was a homemaker, volunteer leader in Campfire Girls, Cub Scouts, school tutoring, and a variety of programs at her church. She enjoyed working with the 2-year-old class for many years. She loved gardening, books and reading to children.

She is survived by her daughter Kathryn (Gary) Foster of Bel Aire; son David (Anne) .Wittenborn of Antelope, Calif.; five grandchildren, David (Angela) Foster, Laurissa (Jason) Palmberg, Dan (Erika) Wittenborn, Jennifer (Randall) Sutton, Elisa Foster; five great-grandchildren, Jessalyn and Jaiden Foster, Andrew and Alexander Palmberg, Jack Wittenborn. Her husband, parents, and brother, Edwin Gilmore preceded her in death.

Visitation with family was on Aug. 6 at Broadway Mortuary. Funeral service was Aug. 7 at Countryside Christian Church.

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran Church

Sunday service times are 8:30 (contemporary) and 11 a.m. (traditional) with a kid friendly service and adult learning at 9:45.

Communion is served at all morning services.

A variety of weekly and monthly activities are offered including Falcon Fellowship (free lunch for students at Heights High School on the second Wednesday of the month), youth groups, quilting, choirs and men's breakfast.

Find the church online at www.christ-lutheran.org; e-mail office@clc.kscoxmail.com. Pastor Chad's email is pastor@clc.kscoxmail.com. Call the office at 744-1242.

The church is located at 5356 N. Hillside (at 53rd and North Hillside, across from Wichita Heights High School).

Melvan Adair at 744-7091.

Fairmount United Church of Christ

The church welcomes a new minister, Rev. Larry Young.

Visit the newly renovated building at 1605 Fairmount in Wichita (one block south and one block east of Hillside and 17th North).

Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m. which includes children's church. Sunday school begins at 9:30.

For more information, call 682-1597 or visit at www.fairmountuccc.org.

Gospel Assembly Church

Located at 4230 N. Oliver in Bel Aire, service times are 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Bible study is 7 p.m. Monday. Prayer service is 7 p.m. Tuesday. Praise and worship is 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Phone number is 744-1502. Rev. Gary D. Green is the pastor.

Greenwich United Methodist Church

Sunday worship service at 9 a.m. Fellowship and coffee follow the service.

Pastor Jeff Miller can be reached at 744-0203.

Senior Day first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m.

United Methodist Women meet the first Thursday of each month at 1 p.m.

Movie night is the second Saturday of each month at 6:30 p.m. A snack is served.

The church is located about a mile south of K-254 on Greenwich Road. The phone number is 744-0203.

Kechi United Methodist Church

Kechi United Methodist Church is located at 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi. Phone number is 744-1221.

Rev. Guy E. Rendoff is the pastor. Website is www.kechiumc.org; E-mail is

kechiumc@sbeglobal.net

Worship services are Sundays at 9 and 11 a.m. with Sunday school at 10 a.m. Nursery is available.

Pine Valley Christian Church

The church is located at 5620 E. 21st North. Sunday school is at 9 a.m. with worship at 10:15. For more information call 685-2421.

Randall Road Baptist Church

Randall Road Baptist is located at 6556 N Randall, Park City.

Sunday School starts at 10 a.m. Worship is at 11 a.m.

Sunday evening activities start at 6 p.m.

Wednesday bible study begins at 7 p.m.

Contact Pastor Jim McQuery at 201-1696 or e-mail at jmcquery@cox.net

Risen Savior Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

Contemporary Sunday worship services at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Communion on the first and third Sunday. Adult Sunday school and Bible class meet at 9:15 a.m. Children's church at 10:30. A nursery is provided during Bible class and second service.

Enrollment for Risen Savior Preschool for the 2013-14 school year has begun. Registrations are now available for Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 9 to 11:45 a.m. Preschool class for 3- to 5-year-olds. Please call the church office for details.

Risen Savior Preschool will have an open house from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Aug. 7.

The church is located at 6770 E. 34th North in Wichita. The phone number is 683-5538. www.risensavior.net.

Senior pastor is Tom Harmon.

St. Michael's Orthodox Christian Church

The church is located at 2710 E 61st North in Park City. It is a congregation of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.

"The Story of Christianity," an adult class, is offered at 9 a.m. on Sunday. Service of Matins is at 9:45 a.m. followed by the Divine Liturgy (Mass) at 10 a.m.

Wednesday service is at 6 p.m. Saturday Vespers is at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night Potluck Supper Program: Sept. 4 "How Bad Religion is Destroying our Society," Sept. 18 "The Hallmarks of Authentic Christianity." Liturgy is at 6 p.m., potluck at 6:45 and program at 7:30.

Men's study group, studying the Gospel of Luke, is first and third Mondays at 7 p.m.

Women's study group, "Dare to Live Fully Right Where You are," is second and fourth Fridays at 10 a.m. Group will begin with "One Thousand Gifts," by Ann Voskamp.

Holy Days for September: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sept. 8, Exaltation of the Holy Cross Sept. 14, Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sept. 15, Saint Matthew Sept. 21, Our Patronal Festival - The Feast of Saint Michael, Sept. 29.

During September, Sunday sermons will focus on the Holy Angels. Sept. 1 "All things Visible and Invisible," Sept. 8 "The Nine Choirs of Angels," Sept. 15 "The Holy Archangels," Sept. 22 "Our Guardian Angels," and Sept. 29 "Our Holy Patron Archangel Michael."

Call the church for more information at 734-6248 or visit www.stmichaeloc.org

Fr. John Flora, pastor, can be reached at 734-6248 or jflora@cox.net.

University United Methodist Church

The church is located across from the Wichita State University campus at 21st and Yale.

Sunday activities include

adult and youth educational classes at 9:15 a.m., traditional service at 10:30 and youth group activities from 4 to 6 p.m.

E-mail uumc2220@uumc.net; phone 686-6765. Rev. Charles Claycomb is the pastor.

Send your church's upcoming events and service times to legals@arkvalleynews.com or call 755-0821.

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POLICE REPORTS

Aug. 21 — Officer McCaslin took a miscellaneous report in the 6100 block of Qualiridge.

Aug. 21 — Officer McCaslin responded to an alarm in the 6600 block of East Summerside. The alarm was false.

Aug. 21 — Officer Thompson responded to a report of fraud in the 6900 block of Perryton. Scam artists called a Bel Aire residence saying they were from the IRS.

Aug. 20 — Officer Thompson assisted EMS in the 4800 block of Batton.

Aug. 20 — Officer Thompson responded to a report of larceny in the 6500 block of East 45th North.

Aug. 20 — Officer Thompson responded to a report of miscellaneous found property in the 4600 block of East 45th North.

Aug. 19 — Officer Foxx responded to a report of a deceased woman found in a residence in the 6500 block of North Rodeo. The woman's death was health related.

Aug. 19 — Officer Toomey responded to a report of larceny in the 6700 block of East 45th North.

Aug. 19 — Officer Hutton took a miscellaneous report at 41st North and Danbury.

Aug. 18 — Officer Foxx stopped a vehicle in the 4100 block of North Oliver. A man was cited for driving with a suspended license and an expired tag.

Aug. 18 — Officer Swanson took a miscellaneous report in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn.

Aug. 17 — Officer Hutton took a miscellaneous report in the 5900 block of East Clarendon.

Aug. 17 — Officer Murphy took a miscellaneous report in the 4400 block of Westlake Court.

Aug. 16 — Officer Thompson responded to a non-injury vehicle accident in the 6200 block of East 37th North. A tractor struck a light pole in the Subway parking lot.

Aug. 16 — Officer Murphy took a miscellaneous report in the 4800 block of North Hillcrest.

Aug. 16 — Officer Murphy took a miscellaneous report in the 4500 block of Westlake Court.

Aug. 15 — Officer Thompson assisted the fire department in the 4800 block of Harding. There was no fire.

Aug. 15 — Officer McCaslin stopped a vehicle in the 4500 block of North Oliver.

Aug. 15 — Officer Swanson responded to a report of simple assault in the 4900 block of North Highland.

Aug. 15 — Officer McCaslin responded to a report of a dog in the Family Video store in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn. The dog's owner arrived to pick up the animal.

Aug. 14 — Officer Thompson responded to an alarm in the 4400 block of Westlake Court. Two men working for the natural gas company were installing a new gas meter.

Aug. 14 — Officer McCaslin responded to a suspicious character report in the 4300 block of North Woodlawn. There was no problem.

Aug. 13 — Officer Thompson took a larceny report in the 6200 block of East 41st Circle North. Someone took 57 bundles of shingles from a residence.

Aug. 13 — Lt. Griggs responded to a 911 hang-up in the 4800 block of North Hillcrest. There were no problems.

Aug. 13 — Chief Daily took a report of vandalism in the 100 block of East 53rd North. A gate and post were torn down at the city's brush pile.

Aug. 13 — Officer Hutton responded to a domestic violence report in the 4500 block of North Woodlow. An identified person withdrew \$300 from an ATM without the card owner's permission.

Aug. 13 — Officer McCaslin responded to a suspicious character report in the 6200 block of East 41st Circle. A suspicious vehicle possibly involved in a larceny of roofing shingles was in the area. Officer could not locate the vehicle.

Aug. 13 — Officer Swanson responded to a suspicious character report in the 4800 block of North Glendale. Someone rang the resident's doorbell and ran away.

Aug. 12 — Officer Foxx took a larceny report in the 4200 block of North St. James Court. Taken from an unlocked vehicle were cash, a wallet and a necklace.

Aug. 12 — Officer Foxx took a larceny report in the 4200 block of North St. James Court. Taken from an unlocked vehicle was an owner's manual.

Aug. 12 — Lt. Griggs took a larceny report in the 4400 block of North Mission. Taken from a vehicle was an owner's manual.

Aug. 12 — Officer Toomey responded to the 6400 block of East Perryton. A resident reported that UPS delivered a box to an empty house.

UPS was contacted.

Aug. 12 — Officer Foxx took a larceny report in the 4000 block of North Farmstead. Taken from an unlocked vehicle were a handgun, a wallet and a radar detector.

Aug. 12 — Officer Toomey responded to an alarm in the 6000 block of East Danbury. There were no signs of a problem.

Aug. 12 — Officer Toomey took a larceny report in the 5800 block of East Memphis. Taken from a vehicle were paycheck stubs.

Aug. 12 — Officer Toomey responded to a domestic disturbance in the 4400 block of Eagle Lake. It was verbal argument over the sale of a vehicle.

Aug. 12 — Officer Hutton responded to a 911 hang-up call in the 4800 block of North Hillcrest. There were no signs of a problem.

Aug. 12 — Officer Hutton responded to an alarm in the 6000 block of North Danbury. There were no signs of a problem.

Aug. 12 — Officer Hutton took a larceny report in the 4400 block of North Stratford Lane. Taken from a vehicle were a set of keys and a pocket knife.

Aug. 12 — Officer Steele responded to an injury accident at 6100 E. K-254 in Kechi. Officer provided traffic control.

Aug. 12 — Officer Steele responded to a disorderly conduct report in the 4200 block of North Stratford. A vehicle alarm had been activated.

Aug. 11 — Officer Steele took a larceny report in the 4200 block of North St. James Place. Taken from an unlocked vehicle were CDs, a magazine clip for a pistol and change.

Aug. 10 — Officer Wallender assisted the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office on an alarm in the 4400 block of North 127th East. It was a false alarm.

Aug. 10 — Officer Murphy responded to a fireworks complaint in the 4800 block of East Hanover. Officer found no signs of fireworks activity.

Aug. 10 — Officer Steele stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for speeding and transporting an open container of alcohol.

Aug. 9 — Officer Thompson responded to a holdup alarm in the 4800 block of North Chapel View. The alarm was false.

Aug. 9 — Officer Foxx responded to the 4200 block of North Rushwood Circle. It was a civil issue.

Aug. 9 — Officer Foxx responded to a report of a lost wallet in the 4700 block of North Hedgerow Court. A resident said he lost the wallet while on a business trip in Russia. The man was advised by the credit card companies to file a local police report.

Aug. 9 — Officer Hutton responded to a holdup alarm in the 4800 block of North Chapel View. It was a false alarm.

Aug. 9 — Officer Murphy assisted EMS in the 4800 block of North Hedgerow Court.

Aug. 9 — Officer Murphy responded to a 911 hang-up call in the 4800 block of North Hillcrest. There were no problems.

Aug. 8 — Officer McCaslin assisted EMS in the 4000 block of North Parkway. A man was taken to the hospital.

Aug. 7 — Lt. Griggs arrested Mark W. Parmenter on a charge of driving with a revoked license.

Aug. 7 — Officer McCaslin responded to a residence in the 4300 block of North Bellmore. A resident said someone removed duct tape from a window and turned around in the circular drive.

Aug. 7 — Officer McCaslin took Shane Austin into custody on a Bel Aire Municipal Court 10-day commitment order.

Aug. 7 — Officer Swanson assisted EMS in the 4800 block of North Hedgerow. A woman had low blood sugar.

Aug. 6 — Lt. Griggs took a fraud report in the 6500 block of East 45th North. A woman's Social Security number was used without her permission.

Aug. 6 — Officer Hutton responded to a report of a suspicious character at Tree Top Nursery in the 5900 block of East 37th North. A truck was in the parking lot. It belonged to an employee.

Aug. 6 — Officer Swanson assisted EMS in the 4400 block of North Auburn. A young girl passed out, but was fine.

Aug. 6 — Officer Swanson stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5000 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for no driver's license in possession, no proof of insurance and speeding.

Aug. 6 — Officer Swanson responded to a 911 hang-up call in the 4800 block of North Hillcrest. It was a false call possibly caused by heavy rains.

Aug. 5 — Officer Foxx responded

to an alarm at Bob & Luigi's in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn.

Aug. 5 — Officer Foxx responded to a report of an armed robbery in the 5900 block of North Rock Road. A man said he was robbed while he was looking under the hood of his vehicle.

Aug. 5 — Officer Toomey responded to a report of a skunk in a garage in the 4300 block of North Janesville. The garage door was left open so the skunk could leave on its own.

Aug. 5 — Officer Toomey responded to an alarm in the 4300 block of Gunnison. The alarm was accidentally activated.

Aug. 5 — Officer Hutton responded to a suspicious character report in the 3800 block of North Oliver. A man in a pickup was dumping tree limbs in the apartment trash dumpster.

Aug. 4 — Officer Foxx responded to a two-vehicle wreck in the 3900 block of North Woodlawn. A driver was cited for inattentive driving.

Aug. 4 — Officer Steele checked for shots fired in the 4300 block of North Eagle Lake Court. No suspicious activity was observed.

Aug. 3 — Officer Steele took a report of a civil dispute involving property dropped at an E-Drop location.

Aug. 3 — Officer Steele took a vandalism report in the 4400 block of North Eagle Lake. The front door of the residence had been egged.

Aug. 3 — Officer Steele took a citizen complaint in the 5600 block of East 41st North. A resident complained about an apparently abandoned residence.

Aug. 3 — Officer Steele took a burglary report in the 4100 block of North Auburn.

Aug. 3 — Officer Steele assisted EMS in the 4300 block of North Eagle Lake. A man was taken to the hospital.

Aug. 3 — Officer Hutton took a vandalism report in the 5900 block of East Memphis. Someone threw half of a banana on a glass storm door.

Aug. 2 — Officer Steele stopped a vehicle for spilling loads on the road at 45th North and Woodlawn. The driver, Adelfo Trejo-Gregorio, was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

Aug. 2 — Lt. Griggs took a report of fraud by phone.

Aug. 2 — Officer Steele responded to a traffic accident at Woodlawn and Quail. A driver was cited for inattentive driving.

Aug. 2 — Officer Steele assisted EMS in the 5800 block of East Flagstaff. A man was taken to the hospital after falling.

Aug. 2 — Lt. Griggs responded to a suspicious character report in the 6600 block of East 44th Court North. It was a meter reader.

Aug. 2 — Officer Steele assisted Wichita police in locating a vehicle involved in a larceny in Wichita.

Aug. 2 — Officer Hutton witnessed a two-vehicle wreck in the 4800 block of East 37th North. A driver was cited for inattentive driving with fines doubled in a work zone. Apparently, a watermelon rolled off the front passenger seat and the driver leaned over to catch it, causing her foot to slip off the brake. The vehicle hit the rear of another vehicle.

Aug. 2 — Officer Hutton took a larceny report in the 6700 block of East Perryton. Roofing shingles were stolen from the driveway. Loss was estimated at \$210.

Aug. 2 — Officer Hutton responded to a suspicious character report in the 4300 block of North Rushwood Court. A resident said between six and 10 young children rang her doorbell and then ran away. Officer was unable to find the children.

Aug. 2 — Officer Murphy responded to a disturbance in the 4300 block of North Gunnison. A driver was following an SUV after the driver's vehicle was egged.

Aug. 1 — Officer Thompson responded to an alarm in the 5000 block of North Prestwick. It was a false alarm.

Aug. 1 — Officer Thompson took a report of vandalism in the 5600 block

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Aug. 1 — Lt. Griggs stopped a vehicle in the 4900 block of North Oliver. Michael Pennington was arrested on charges of DUI, transporting an open container of alcohol and possession of marijuana. Two passengers were cited for transporting an open container of alcohol.

Aug. 1 — Officer McCaslin took a larceny report in the 6400 block of East Rodeo. Roofing shingles were taken from the driveway. Loss was estimated at \$2,604.

July 31 — Officer Thompson assisted EMS in the 5100 block of East 39th North. A woman was taken to the hospital.

July 31 — Officer Thompson responded to an alarm in the 5000 block of East 49th North. It was accidentally activated.

July 31 — Officer Thompson responded to a larceny in the 6700 block of East 45th North. A coin purse with \$20 inside was missing from a woman's room.

July 31 — Officer McCaslin responded to a 911 hang-up call in the 5600 block of East Perryton. A child accidentally dialed 911.

July 31 — Officer McCaslin assisted EMS at Church of the Resurrection in the 4900 block of North Woodlawn. A man was taken to the hospital.

July 30 — Officer McCaslin assisted Sedgwick County Fire Department with an alarm at Isley Elementary in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. The alarm was cleared before officer's arrival.

July 30 — Officer McCaslin assisted EMS in the 6500 block of East Perryton. A woman was suffering a seizure.

July 30 — Officer McCaslin responded to the 5900 block of East Flagstaff to check for shots fired. Power was out in the area.

July 29 — Officer Foxx responded to a hold-up alarm at Fidelity Bank in the 3600 block of North Woodlawn. The alarm was activated accidentally.

July 29 — Officer Foxx responded to an injury accident in the 12700 block of East 45th North. Officer assisted with traffic control and triaging patients.

July 29 — Officer Foxx responded to a larceny at Tree Top Nursery in the 5900 block of East 37th North. A patio table with a glass top and six bar stools were missing. Total loss was \$3,409.

July 29 — Lt. Griggs took a report of someone receiving a lottery scam letter in the mail.

July 29 — Officer Foxx responded to a possible explosion in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn. There were no signs of an explosion.

July 29 — Officer Foxx responded to a rolling disturbance in the 3400 block of North Woodlawn. A driver displayed a firearm to another driver.

July 29 — Officer Hutton responded to a vandalism report in the 4800 block of East Ashton. A lawn lamp was broken.

July 29 — Officer Steele discovered an open garage door at Accel Construction in the 4100 block of North Woodlawn. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

July 28 — Officer Hutton assisted the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office on an injury accident in the 7700 block of North Rock Road.

July 28 — Officer Swanson took a suspicious character report in the 4200 block of North Rushwood. A person said she saw someone looking in

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a backdoor window. There were no signs of anyone in the yard.

July 27 — Officer Thompson observed vandalism to a city limit sign in the 11100 block of East 45th North.

July 27 — Officer Thompson responded to an alarm in the 3900 block of North Woodlawn Court. The alarm was false.

July 27 — Officer Hutton responded to stand by to prevent a disturbance in the 4200 block of North Rushwood Court. It was an ongoing civil matter.

July 25 — Officer Thompson responded to a report of vandalism in the 4400 block of Edgemoor Court. A juvenile became angry when his grandmother took away an electronic device he removed from his mother's home. The juvenile used a garden hand tool to poke holes in the two tires of the grandmother's vehicles.

July 25 — Lt. Griggs took a report of a non-injury accident in the 6500 block of East Danbury.

July 25 — Lt. Griggs took a report of a hit-and-run wreck in the 6500 block of East Danbury.

July 25 — Officer McCaslin took a report in the 5900 block of East Perryton. A bag of dog feces was found on the porch of a home.

July 25 — Officer Swanson assisted EMS at Gospel Assembly Church in the 4200 block of North Oliver. A woman was taken to the hospital for low blood pressure.

July 24 — Officer Thompson took a report that a stolen vehicle had been found at the Catholic Care Center. The vehicle was not stolen.

July 24 — Officer Thompson responded to an alarm in the 3900 block of North Parkwood. It was a false alarm.

July 24 — Officer McCaslin responded to a 911 hang-up call in the 4800 block of North Hillcrest. There were no problems.

July 24 — Officer McCaslin assisted the fire department at the Catholic Care Center in the 6700 block of East 45th North. The fire alarm was false.

July 24 — Officer McCaslin responded to an alarm in the 4400 block of North Eagle Lake. The alarm was false.

July 24 — Officer Murphy stopped a vehicle for defective headlight in the 3700 block of North Parkwood. The driver, Wesley Joy, was arrested on a

charge of DUI.

July 23 — Officer Thompson assisted EMS in the 4800 block of North Hillcrest. A person was taken to the hospital.

July 23 — Officer McCaslin responded to an alarm in the 4400 block of North Mission. There were no signs of attempted entry.

July 23 — Officer Murphy responded to a suspicious character report in the 4300 block of Rushwood Circle. A vehicle circled the block numerous times. The vehicle belonged to a resident in the area.

July 23 — Officer Murphy assisted Ark City police with locating the owner of a possible stolen vehicle in the 4000 block of North Auburn. Three suspects were in custody in Ark City.

July 22 — Officer Hutton took a report of a larceny from a vehicle in the 4900 block of North Parkhurst. A laptop computer was taken.

July 22 — Officer Steele responded to a suspicious character report in the 200 block of East Kodiak in Kechi. The person worked for a home construction company.

July 21 — Officer Foxx responded to a report of disorderly conduct in the 4200 block of Janesville.

July 21 — Officer Hutton responded to a report of larceny in the 5900 block of East 47th North. Several unauthorized charges were made on a man's debit card.

July 21 — Officer Swanson responded to a report of disorderly conduct in the 6700 block of East Odessa.

A teenager had received harassing text messages about an ex-girlfriend from an unidentified person.

July 21 — Officer Steele responded to a vandalism in the 4000 block of North Auburn. A flowerpot had been damaged. Ian Anderson was arrested on a charge of criminal damage to property.

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Police say man robbed stranded motorist

By Matt Heilman

A Wichita man is behind bars after allegedly holding a motorist at gunpoint and taking his money just south of K-254 on Rock Road.

On Aug. 7, Bel Aire police

arrested 39-year-old Michael Lee Brooks on charges of aggravated robbery, criminal restraint, criminal possession of a firearm by a felon and probation violation. Brooks was arrested in Bel Aire, not far from where he allegedly committed the

armed robbery the day before. Bel Aire Police Chief John Daily said about 1 p.m. Aug. 6, Brooks pulled up alongside a man whose car was broken down on the side of the road in the 5900 block of North Rock Road.

Daily said Brooks pointed a gun at the man and demanded money. The victim complied and Brooks left the scene. It didn't take authorities long to find him after a report was made.

"Through the course of inter-

viewing the victim and getting a good description of the suspect and the suspect's vehicle, several officers put together some really good information," Daily said.

Sedgwick County court records show that Brooks was

previously arrested on drug-related charges in 2011, charges from which he violated his probation. Daily said Bel Aire police worked with Sedgwick County sheriff's deputies and the Drug Enforcement Agency in resolving the case quickly.

Night Out

A crowd gathers at Sedgwick County Fire Station 37 in Bel Aire Aug. 6 for the annual National Night out Event hosted by the city's police department. This year, the nationwide event that started in 1984, included inflatables, a dunk tank, safety presentations from Sedgwick County fire crews and free snow cones courtesy of the Bel Aire Lions Club.

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Matt Heilman

Daisy, a golden retriever owned by Bel Aire resident Greg Tipton, goes after a tennis ball during the city's first pool party for dogs. The event drew a steady crowd for about two hours in the early evening of Aug. 12.

City pool goes to the dogs

On Aug. 12, dogs from throughout the City of Bel Aire joined their owners for a swim at the community pool in Central Park. The first Hot Dawgs Pool Party was organized by the city's newly established community development committee and was made possible by several sponsors, including Bel Aire veterinarian and former council member, Dr. Gary Breault and his wife, Julie Breault of the Heartland Animal Hospital. Representatives from Pals Animal Rescue Inc. attended the event, as did Bel Aire Mayor David Austin with his "granddog," "Lucky" and KWCH meteorologist Ross Janzen with his Welsh Corgi, Millie, who often joins him on the set during evening newscasts.

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Drew Conwell (third from left) is shown here with the Kansas group of athletes he chaperoned in Hershey, Pa.

Rec center program director volunteers in national meet

By The Breeze staff

In mid-July, Bel Aire Rec Center program supervisor Drew Conwell served as a chaperone for a group of young athletes that competed in the Hershey's Track & Field Games in Hershey, Pa. The opportunity was presented because Conwell sits on the state committee for the annual competition. As part of the committee, Conwell also volunteers at the state track meet

for young athletes held every June, and helps coordinate local meets held throughout the year. The group Conwell chaperoned in Hershey consisted of young Kansas athletes that qualified for the North American Finals that are held in the Pennsylvania community every year. Conwell said he's enjoyed his involvement with the Hershey's Track & Field Games because its mission is

in line with what the staff at the Bel Aire Rec Center strives to accomplish with its participants. "The mission of this program is to provide quality recreation and school pro-

grams where children have fun and are introduced to physical fitness through basic track and field events such as running, jumping and throwing," Conwell said.

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